#### **Hampton County**

### 1. What does educational achievement mean to our community?

- Better quality of life for all
- Economic development to attract and retain higher paying jobs

## 2. What is needed in our community so that ALL students can succeed? (Strengths & Challenges)

- Local elected officials focused on education as priority
- Need to get the good news about schools in the community/county (Kids Corner Radio)
- Fiscal Autonomy (EOC needs to push for all boards being elected w/ fiscal autonomy)
- Reading specialist for young people
- Resources for job training
- A comprehensive plan to invest in people instead of bricks and mortar **Strengths**:
  - (Idea) Use the FACES program to assist teaching students w/a second language
  - Programs in place that support Learning
  - First steps served 100 families and word with local child care centers with training for workers and for parents

#### Challenges:

- Manufacturers want cheap labor (don't want to pay for highly educated employees)
- Underemployment
- Not everyone has the conviction to go into higher education
- Scarce recreational activities problem with access in the rural areas

# 3. What programs, partnerships etc. work well in your community to support all students succeeding?

- Boy Scouts/ Girl Scouts
- Gear Up- Jr. High

### 4. What can we do in our homes and neighborhoods to strengthen our schools?

- Getting parents who aren't working to volunteer in the schools
- Reach parents with low self-esteem/ lack of knowledge